

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

No. 9 OF 1931.

[Promulgated 2nd April, 1931.]

PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER

Amending section *two* of Proclamation No. 4 of 1905, No. 12 of 1905 and No. 13 of 1905 so as to validate the titles granted by the British South African Company to certain owners and occupiers of land in the Bechuanaland Protectorate.

Whereas it was enacted by section *two* of Proclamations No. 4 of 1905, No. 12 of 1905 and No. 13 of 1905 (hereinafter called "the said Proclamations") that no occupation or ownership of any land vested in the British South Africa Company (hereinafter called "the Company") by the said Proclamations shall be recognized as valid or legal unless or until a title has been granted to the owner or occupier in such form and by such person as the High Commissioner shall appoint;

And whereas a form of transfer was duly appointed by the High Commissioner and the Secretary of the Company for the time being one John Alfred Stevens was on the Thirteenth day of February, 1905, given authority until further notice to grant titles under the said Proclamations;

And whereas since the retirement on the Twenty-second day of December, 1910, of the said John Alfred Stevens from the service of the Company no person has been appointed by the High Commissioner for the purpose of granting such titles;

And whereas various titles have been granted by the Company to owners and occupiers of the said lands without such appointment;

And whereas it is necessary to validate the grant of such titles by the Company;

Now therefore under and by virtue of the powers in me vested I do hereby declare, proclaim and make known as follows:—

1. Section *two* of Proclamations Nos. 4 of 1905, 12 of 1905 and 13 of 1905 is hereby amended by the deletion of the words "and by such person" in the said section.

2. All titles under which the ownership or occupation of any land vested in the Company under the said Proclamations has been or purports to have been transferred to any person since the Twenty-second day of December, 1910, shall saving any other just exception be as valid as if they had been granted by the said John Alfred Stevens or by any other person appointed by the High Commissioner under the said Proclamations.

3. This Proclamation shall have force and take effect from the date of its publication in the *Gazette*.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Capetown this Twenty-seventh day of March One thousand Nine hundred and Thirty-one.

HUGH J. TWEEDIE,
High Commissioner.

By Command of His Excellency the
High Commissioner.

B. E. H. CLIFFORD,
Imperial Secretary.